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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 10 8:45 AM	Cougar Pride Committee Meeting
Nov 8th 3:30pm	4-H Meeting
Nov 18	Thanksgiving Feast Early Release
Nov 21- 25	Thanksgiving Break / No School
Dec 15 7pm	Christmas Program

Hot Lunch is a Hit

NTCA has a new hot lunch program this year. Katelyn's Catering provides hot lunches for a fee to our students and staff on a daily basis. "The lunch program has gotten off to a fantastic start," says Mrs. Young, "the staff and students enjoy having the choice of a hot meal." For several years, parents and staff have researched how to bring hot meals into the school. This year, Stacy Pennington, owner of Katelyn's Catering, was excited about taking on the challenge of providing this service for our school. "Stacy has been great! She serves tasty food at an economical price."

The lunch menu is available for the parents and students to view in RenWeb about two weeks prior to the beginning of the month. The parents have the convenience of ordering online. They seem to really appreciate the convenience and the option. Students are pleased with the choices and LOVE having the option as well.

We will continue offering this service as long as the families and staff want the choice of a hot lunch. The food is fresh and homemade and the price is very reasonable for the amount and quality of the food. In the day of processed fast food, it is a treat to have a home-cooked meal at lunch every day.

If you need a great caterer, please contact Stacy, owner of Katelyn's Catering, at [972-984-0053](tel:972-984-0053) or stacy@lbspartners.com. You can also visit her website at www.katelynscatering.com



The front of
the school is
looking
Flowered Up
and Dressed
Up.
See page 3 to
find out why.

Golf Tournament

The James and Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament was held on October 10, 2011. This was the sixth year for this event, and it was a huge success. We had 22 teams join us for the day. There were clouds and a threat of rain in the morning, but God provided sunshine and beautiful weather in time for the shotgun start at 12:30. Approximately \$10,000 was raised through the tournament, and this money will be used to update and add items to enhance the school's technology. We are hoping to purchase a few iPads for the students and

teachers to use. There are so many wonderful applications that can be used by the students that will enhance their learning. Please be sure to support our sponsors who contributed to the tournament. Many of you had a hand in helping with the organization of the tournament or donating items for baskets and/or refreshments. We could not have done it without you. Thanks so much for helping to make our tournament such a huge success!

Thank You to our Golf Tournament Sponsors and Donors Please patronize these businesses!

																	
	Academy Sports & Outdoors		Glenda Goodwyn		Norwood Dental												
	ACIS Innovative Solutions		BJ & Cloise Green		Oak Hollow (McKinney)												
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	Chick-fil-A		Jimmie John's		Stonebridge Ranch Country Club												
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	Durkin's Pizza		Dr. David McCarley, DDS		Todd & Toni Young												
	El Chico		Gene & Michelle McDougald		Zenity Spa in Allen												
	Sheridan S. Evans, MD		The Milstead Team-Keller Wil-														
	Genghis Grill		liams Realty														
	Golf Course of McKinney		Bill & Sandy Nelson														

4-H News

Our 4-Hers have begun a beautification project of the front of the building. In October they completed an oval garden of fall flowers framing the walkway in front of the school. Expect to see more amazing work as we continue to "Flower up & Dress up" the drop off horse-shoe driveway. Come join us in the FUN!!

NTCA 4-H meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 3:30pm. We have a lot of exciting happenings. If you have any interest in or have questions about 4-H, please feel free to contact Marie Hoke - [469-323-2447](tel:469-323-2447) or check out <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/about/index.php> or <http://collinclover.net>



Here are just a few of the 4-H project options:

- Citizenship
- Photography and Videography
- Theater and Performance Arts
- Clothing and Textiles
- Field & Stream
- Forestry
- Natural Resources
- Outdoor Education
- Water
- Wildlife & Fisheries
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Companion Animals
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care and Training
- Goats
- Horses
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Veterinary Science
- Horticulture
- Soil & Crop Science
- Computer Science
- Entomology

CPC Update: Next Meeting 10 Nov at 8:45 AM

The Cougar Pride Committed still needs a chairperson for these area of the CPC: Philanthropy (service), Resource (fundraising) , Development (relations with corporation and community), and Events. You won't be doing all the work! Others will step up to help, but each of these important areas needs someone to take overall responsibility. Please contact Mrs. Young to volunteer.

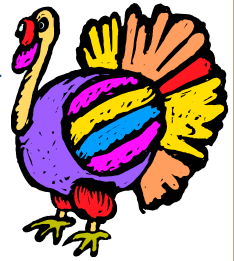
Notes from the October meeting of the Cougar Pride Committee

1. Ideas to think about:
 - Add crew neck sweatshirt to uniform options
 - Family Fun Nights – ie. Chili Supper with Movie, Spaghetti Dinner with Movie, etc???
 - Spring Fundraiser event – Family oriented day/evening
2. CPC members are writing thank you notes to all Golf Tournament donors and sponsors
3. Discussed plans for running the concessions for the Coin Show. The concessions are a fundraiser for the school.
4. New volunteers: Rachel Keller for the lunchroom volunteer, Sharon Miesen for weekly book shelving in the library.

Cub's Corner

November is going to be a very busy month! Our memory verse will be Psalm 139:14 "God made me in a wonderful way." We will learn about Taking Care of our Bodies, Tools & Simple Machines and Thanksgiving. We will work on the letters X, V, and Y. Our numbers will be 5,6,7,8, and 9. Our colors will be brown and gold and our shape will be a triangle. Watch for more information about our Thanksgiving treat on November 17th!

October was full of activities as we visited the Big Orange Pumpkin Farm, Fire Safety was our theme for October, and McTown Klownz and Fire Truck came to visit in October. They shared with us how firefighters protect us, how the fire truck works and safety tips to use at home and school. Look for pictures in this newsletter.



News from the Classrooms

Kindergarten Readiness had an awesome time at the Pumpkin Farm. We also had our Orange Day Celebration in October. We made crafts and snacks. We played games. In November we will do our Pilgrim/Indian unit. We are continuing to learn our consonants and blends.

Kindergarten had a great October with a visit from the McKinney fire Dept and our fun pumpkin farm field trip. In November we are looking forward to learning about the U.S.A, and the first Thanksgiving. We will also get to perform a short Thanksgiving play for our parents.

Second graders are learning all kinds of great things this fall! We are beginning a unit on Native Americans in relation to the book we are reading in reading groups, Buffalo Before Breakfast. We are continuing to learn all the letters in cursive, with special emphasis on our last names this month. Our focus in Language this quarter is writing correct sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation marks.

Third grade is starting a new novel, The Courage of Sarah Noble. It's to be a fun new study and we will have a lot of fun projects to work on!

Fourth graders combined learning with fun with their Pumpkin Farm field trip and their Candy Corn Celebration. They decorated their bags, passed out candy, figured the multiple of serving sizes, and played multiplication Bingo using the candy corn as markers. In November, they will continue reading the novel, Sign of the Beaver, and will learn how a 12-year old survived in the wilderness of Maine in the 1700s. They will be using their multiplication facts to help them solve long division problems in math. They will continue their Texas History journey by learning about the first settlers to come into Texas and the exciting events of the Texas Revolution.

Social Studies Fifth thru eight grade students are creating a Historical Museum regarding what they are studying within their grade level. The museum will include exhibits from American History, World History, and Texas History.

Math News

5th: Students are investigating volume through hands-on activities and discovering the formula to solve a volume problem.

6th: Students are applying fraction concepts to solve problems.

7th: Students are investigating similarity and proportion by "stretching" and "shrinking" objects.

8th: Students are testing the structure of different bridge designs and writing equations to describe the data.

Students of the Week

September Virtue: Knowledge

October Virtue: Creativity

September 26

Daniela Morales
McKeni Adkins
Alexandria Bartlett
Quinn Shouse
Sydney Simpkins
Cory Tennison
Valerie Ndofor

October 3

Lucille Ranney
Aaron Frieling
Shay Frieling
Abraham Ndofor
Zachary Kearn
Erika Miesen
Kyle Kirkconnell

October 10

Samuel Oliveira
Leila Williams
Cora Brewer
Grace Zimmerman
Elisa Chacon
Preston Campbell
Jonathan Rowden

October 17

Evah-Luv Mendoza
McKeni Adkins
Schelby Sheffey
Kaitlyn Foster
Zaria Dexter
Rex Dooley
Caleb Matthews

November Virtue and Verse

Gratitude

Letting others know you see how they've helped you

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Cougar of the Month

August/September

Abby is a great example of our virtue of knowledge. She shares great ideas in all her academic areas, especially in social studies. Abby adds insightful comments to class discussions and is good at looking at a situation from different points of view. She also demonstrates knowledge in how to treat others. Abby is kind to her peers and teachers, and she is always willing to help another person. Abby sets a great example for how to glorify God using knowledge.



Abby Simes
Fifth Grade

Mrs. Young's Message

Fall is in the air! Isn't it refreshing to have cooler days and nights? Please send a jacket with your child every day. The students will go outside unless it is raining.

The beginning of our school year has been wonderful, and we are now into the second nine weeks of the school year. I am hoping that you have had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a conference. We like to have this time to brag on your child and give you a time to do that as well. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not had a parent/teacher conference.

Our red ribbon week was a time of learning the importance of keeping our bodies, minds and hearts pure and free from drugs and alcohol. The students were colorfully dressed all week to help remind us to be pure and drug free. It was a great week and gave us time to see God's plans for our lives.

We are continuing to Love God, Learn His plan, and Live our lives for Him. God is good and we need to show that to others!



A visit from the Fire Department and the McTown ClownZ, who bring fire safety and education with a dose of fun!



Volunteers Needed!

It is a tradition at NTCA that we participate in the annual Christmas Parade of Lights. This year is the 12th annual parade, and it is sponsored by the Rotary Club of McKinney. Our participation provides a chance to promote the school, put a Christian theme in front of the community, and even gives us a chance to win some of the \$1500 in prize money offered for best floats. Not to mention fun and excitement for the participants!

Date: Saturday Dec 3rd, 6:30 pm

Theme: "A Star Spangled Christmas".

Who: YOU! We need a few good people to step up and organize our float!

What: Please contact Mrs. Young to volunteer:

tyoung@northtexaschristian.org or 214-544-1794

When: NOW!



Heard Museum Field Trip

The fifth thru eight graders went to the Heard Museum on October 11th for a science field trip.

As far as we know, Aidan escaped unharmed



November Lunchroom Volunteers

Thanks to Rachel Keller for volunteering as lunchroom coordinator. Please contact Rachel to volunteer in the lunchroom for December. Rachel's email address is: racheltkeller@gmail.com & cell phone is: [469-667-4007](tel:469-667-4007)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney	2 Anndria Wilson Diana Rowden	3 Anne Cully Rachel Keller	4 Sharon Dunlap Nathan Wilson
7 Allen Keller Rebecca Castro	8 Colleen Haaland Diana Rowden	9 Sigrid Bandon Joe Hicks	10 Anne Cully Holly Milstead	11 Teresa Shaw Ken Dunlop
14 Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer	15 Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney	16 Tammy Zimmerman Diana Rowden	17 Brenda Bartlett Anne Cully	18 Thanksgiving Feast
21 No School- Thanksgiving Break	22 No School- Thanksgiving Break	23 No School- Thanksgiving Break	24 No School- Thanksgiving Break	25 No School- Thanksgiving Break
28 Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer	29 Colleen Haaland Rachel Keller	30 Sigrid Bandon Diana Rowden		

Big Orange Pumpkin Farm Field Trip

Thursday, October 20th was a day of fun as students from preschool, kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grade visited the Big Orange Pumpkin Farm in Celina. The younger children fed cows, goats and sheep, rode on a hayride around the farm, and played in the Pumpkin Patch all morning. Third and 4th grades combined their fun with hands on science and math. They kept pretty busy measuring and counting, then followed up by using their data to complete graphs about the pumpkins.



Family Fair Day

October 3rd brought delightful weather for a trip to the State Fair of Texas. Families made their way to the fair by car and DART train. We rendezvoused under Big Tex, then some explored the Fair on their own while others made the rounds with Mrs. Young and other teachers.





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Love, Learn, Live

We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

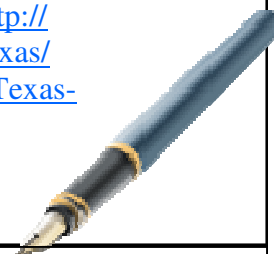
We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Get Involved in NTCA!

- ⇒ Be the chair for the Christmas Parade Float
- ⇒ Work on the Christmas Parade Float
- ⇒ Take charge of one of the CPC areas of focus
- ⇒ Volunteer for a day in the lunchroom

Tell About NTCA

Please go to this link to rate/review our school. It is a link for Great Schools and we need those who love us to complete a review for us. Just follow this link. <http://www.greatschools.org/texas/mckinney/11550-North-Texas-Christian-Academy/#from..HeaderLink>



Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, social and spiritual experience.

Have you joined NTCA on Facebook? We have two Facebook pages. One is a secure group for parents and grandparents, while the other is a fan page that anyone can join. Both are listed as NTCA - North Texas Christian Academy. See you on Facebook!

